

Week Ending November 9, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 9, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton and soybeans and planting wheat. Rain delayed harvesting in some areas, but was beneficial to pastures and wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 6 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	93	85	96	91	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	89	85	86	81	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	77	71	88	76	0	0	24	75	1
	Emerged	64	56	67	61					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	89	84	90	94	--	--	--	--	--
Pecans	Harvested	45	42	30	35	15	11	27	42	5
Cattle						0	3	21	66	10

### County Agent Comments

"Thirty percent of the cotton and 50 percent of the soybeans remain in the field. Wet field conditions will delay harvesting this week. Fall pastures and wheat are improving."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Cool season grazing is beginning to look good after the recent rain. Cattle producers have already begun to feed some hay where pastures are short."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Most harvesting is complete. Soil conditions are wet, which will hamper completion of soybean harvest. Winter grazing is doing well with plenty of available moisture."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Unless the rain ceases, some producers will be unable to finish harvesting."

— Mack Young, Quitman County

"It is too wet to complete harvesting soybeans and cotton; however, the rain was beneficial for wheat and winter grazing crops."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Continual rain has kept harvest at a standstill. Soybeans and cotton are starting to lose quality because of the weather conditions."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"We now have adequate moisture for ryegrass pasture, but grazing will be delayed due to the late planting caused by dry weather."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Ryegrass is responding well to recent rains. Pastures are short and producers are beginning to feed hay."

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

"Fall/winter grazing is coming along slow. We may have to start some limited grazing because of poor pasture conditions from the dry fall."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

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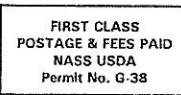
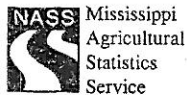
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Weather Summary from November 3, 1997 to November 9, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale													
Cleveland													
Tunica													
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	65	30	47	53	-6	0.58	-0.36	2	4.03	60	45	52	
Memphis	60	37	48	55	-7	0.29	-0.89	2	4.00				
Oxford	65	31	48	53	-5	0.44	-0.69	1	5.33				
Extreme/Average	65	30	48	54	-6	0.44	-0.61	2	4.45	60	45	52	
3. Northeast													
Booneville	63	34	48	54	-6	0.66	-0.32	4	4.49				
Corinth	68	30	50	54	-4	0.61	-0.52	2	5.47				
Iuka	64	28	45			0.63		4					
Pontotoc	65	32	48	54	-6	0.72	-0.11	3	6.18	62	47	53	0.10
Tupelo	64	35	48	54	-6	0.73	-0.35	3	6.48				
Verona	67	36	50			0.70		2	7.11	62	47	53	0.12
Extreme/Average	68	28	48	54	-6	0.68	-0.33	3	5.95	62	47	53	0.10
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	71	34	52	57	-5	0.17	-1.01	1	4.38	70	48	58	
Greenwood	64	32	48	57	-9	0.30	-0.86	1	3.71				
Rolling Fork	70	33	50			0.23	-0.57	1	4.62	69	54	61	
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	68	35	51	58	-7	0.22	-1.01	1	3.79				
Extreme/Average	71	32	50	58	-7	0.23	-0.86	1	4.13	70	48	59	
5. Central													
Carthage	69	34	42	56	-14	0.47	-0.47	1	3.76				
Jackson	68	32	49	58	-9	0.27	-0.69	2	4.78				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	69	32	46	57	-12	0.37	-0.58	2	4.27				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	69	39	54			0.56	-0.15	1	4.55	61	52	56	
Columbus	68	37	51			0.52		3	8.11				
State University	75	40	56	56	-0	0.51	-0.28	1	5.44	64	45	53	
Extreme/Average	75	37	54	56	-3	0.53	-0.22	2	6.03	64	45	54	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	76	34	54			0.07		1	5.10	69	49	58	
Natchez	68	32	51	62	-11	0.05	-0.81	2	5.34				
Oakley	70	27	49			0.30	-0.64	1	4.89	60	48	54	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	76	27	51	62	-10	0.14	-0.76	1	5.11	69	48	56	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	72	34	55	59	-5	0.12	-0.63	1	3.20				
McComb	72	34	52	59	-7	0.10	-0.76	2	5.33				
Extreme/Average	72	34	54	59	-6	0.11	-0.70	2	4.27				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	82	35	55	60	-5	0.13	-0.57	2	4.11				
Laurel													
Meridian	70	32	51	57	-7	0.23	-0.68	2	4.37				
Newton	70	33	51	57	-6	0.07	-0.77	2	5.82	60	45	53	0.10
Extreme/Average	82	32	52	58	-6	0.14	-0.68	2	4.77	60	45	53	0.10
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	74	34	55			0.26		1	3.70				
Biloxi	72	41	55			0.07		2	3.34				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	72	36	54	64	-10	0.03	-1.00	1	7.25				
Poplarville	73	40	57	61	-4	0.18	-0.76	1	4.68	69	51	62	0.14
Extreme/Average	74	34	55	62	-7	0.14	-0.85	1	4.74	69	51	62	0.14
State	82	27	51	58	-7	0.31	-0.62	2	4.85	70	45	56	0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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